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TAGS: ENRG, AG

SUBJ: MORE US/ALGERIAN OIL EXPLORATION CONTRACTS

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1. SONATRACH ANNOUNCED THE SIGNING OF A JOINT-  
EXPLORATION AGREEMENT WITH AMOCO ON OCTOBER 3, 1974.

2. THE AREA INVOLVED INCLUDES THREE PARCELS -- TWO  
SOUTH-EAST OF HASSI MESSAOUDE AND THE THIRD IN THE  
BASSIN D'ILLIZI. IN TOTAL THEY COVER 17,000  
SQUARE KILOMETERS. AMOCO IS COMMITTED TO INVEST  
33.5 MILLION DOLLARS IN EXPLORATION.

3. ARTICLE SAYS THIS IS 10TH SONATRACH JOINT  
EXPLORATION CONTRACT. TO LIST IN REF A SHOULD BE  
ADDED 11,000 SQUARE KILOMETER TRACT FOR CFP/TOTAL  
WITH 15 MILLION DOLLAR INVESTMENT. AREA IS ADJACENT  
TO ORIGINAL CFP/TOTAL 12,700 SQUARE KILOMETER ACREAGE.

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4. IN ADDITION SHAHEEN, MOBIL AND GULF CONTRACTS  
ARE INITIALED, SEE REF B. EXXON, PHILLIPS  
AND NOW COCO COMPLETE LIST OF U.S. FIRMS NEGOTIATING  
WITH SONATRACH. FINALLY, ITALIANS, S.I.R.;  
EURAMEX: ROMPETROL OF RUMANIA; AND A SPANISH AND  
A GERMAN COMPANY ARE SAID TO BE INTERESTED.

5. THERE IS STILL NO WORD ON EXXON AND PHILLIPS  
AGREEMENTS WITH SONATRACH, BUT SONATRACH OFFICIALS  
ARE REPORTEDLY IN NEW YORK FOR NEGOTIATIONS. DUE  
TO INVESTMENT PROVISION IN CRUDE OIL PURCHASE AND  
SONATRACH'S REAL NEED FOR NEW CRUDE FINDS, JOINT-  
EXPLORATION AGREEMENTS ARE VERY CLOSELY TIED TO OIL  
PURCHASE AGREEMENTS. PARKER

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